

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(a) 30th August 1964.

(b) Government have considered the matter in all its aspects and have come to the conclusion that it is not necessary to sanction a combined court to Pavagada Taiuk at present.

(c) No.

(d) No.

Relief Measures in the State

***Q.—555. Sri S. SHIVAPPA (Shravanabelagola).—**

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state:—

(a) what are the relief measures taken in the scarcity areas of the State to alleviate the prevailing distress in those areas;

(b) how far these measures have been able to alleviate the distress;

(c) what is the employment potential of these schemes ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Where scarcity conditions prevail, the Deputy Commissioners have been authorised to postpone collection of land Revenue and other arrears due to Government. Remission of Land Revenue will be given according to the rules in force.

The following productive and non-productive items of works have also been undertaken :—

Soil Conservation Work. Desilting of tanks. Repairing of breaches in tanks. Repairing of sluices and bunds. Construction of feeder channels to tanks and from tanks to their achkats. Deepening of Irrigation wells. Deepening of drinking water wells. Release of tank beds for temporary cultivation. Excavation of earth works. Road works.

Emergency feeding programme has been initiated for the benefit of the vulnerable sections of the people in the scarcity affected areas, viz., expectant and nursing mothers and children of 0-14 years.

A gratuitous relief programme for the old and infirm has also been started.

(b) The measures undertaken have helped to a considerable extent to alleviate distress.

(c) About 2,00,000.